

electric crayon

DELUXE



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Welcome to the *Electric Crayon Deluxe Version 3.1* by Merit Software, the latest in the Electric Crayon family of software by Brian A. Rice. Version 3.1 continues in the tradition of the Electric Crayon series, while adding new features, including support for the HP LaserJet & DeskJet series of printers and popular color printers. The Electric Crayon has undergone extensive remodeling and now offers a more comprehensive user interface, animation in the 3 newest Electric Crayons (Super Mario Brothers, Inspector Gadget & The Neverending Story II), and is easier to use than ever before!

What Your Child Can Do With The Electric Crayon Deluxe

Each *Electric Crayon Deluxe* contains dozens of pictures that can be colored again and again. This simple-to-use program uses a cursor that looks like a crayon, just "point & click" to choose a color, then "point & click" again to fill the area you want to color. If you don't like the way it looks, you can fill in the same area with another color. Or you can choose to erase all of the colors from the picture and start from scratch! If you have a compatible color printer and a color ribbon, you can even print the colored pictures. If you have a black & white printer, you can print out the pictures and your child can color them by hand. Choose from several different printing options to print banners, pictures, pictures with calendars, plus several others.

How To Use The Electric Crayon Deluxe

Every child is different, but most preschool and primary-aged children will need some help in getting started. After your child has had a little practice, he or she will probably be able to select and color pictures without any help. Your child will, however, need your assistance in starting the computer and printing the pictures.

The term "point & click" refers to the pointing of the crayon (cursor) at a color or an area on the screen and pressing a button or key to select a color or fill an area.

Notes On Copy-Protection

The *Electric Crayon Deluxe* is not copy-protected in any way. Making copies of this program or documentation, other than for archival purposes, is not only illegal, it's not very nice. Doing so will prevent us from releasing other fine games such as this without the added cost and headache of copy-protection.

Floppy Disk Loading Instructions

1. Insert your DOS disk into drive A, turn on your computer and wait for the A\ prompt. If you have a hard disk, simply turn on your computer and wait for the C\ prompt to appear.
2. After DOS has loaded, put your Electric Crayon disk into any drive and then type the drive letter (A or B) followed by a colon (example - B:).
3. When the drive prompt appears (A: or B:), simply type EC to start the Electric Crayon.

Hard Disk Loading/Installation Instructions

1. After DOS has loaded, insert your Electric Crayon disk into any drive.
3. From the C\ prompt, type MD\CRAYON to create a directory named 'Crayon.' Then type CD\CRAYON to change into that directory.
4. Next, type COPY (A: or B:)*.* to copy the files onto your hard drive.
3. To access the Electric Crayon after it has been installed, you will need to type CD**diname** (example - CD\CRAYON). Then type EC to start the program.

Setting Up The Electric Crayon Deluxe For Your Computer

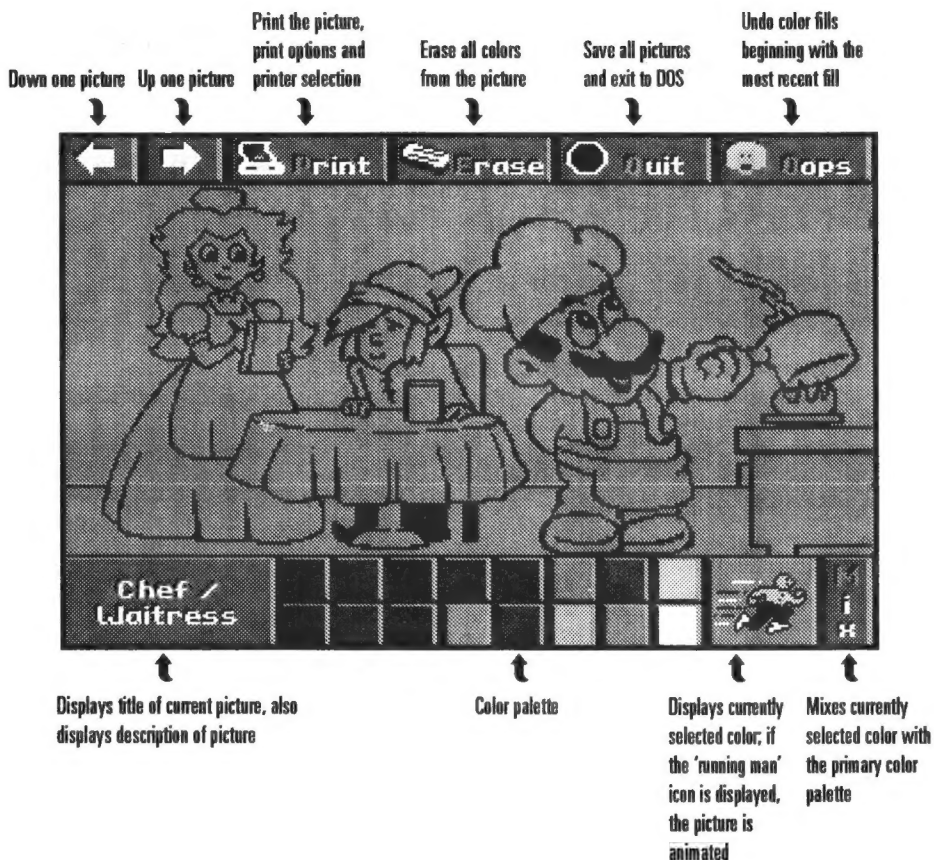
The IBM version of the Electric Crayon will automatically determine what input device (mouse, joystick or keyboard) and graphics adaptor that you are using.

1. **Mouse** — The Electric Crayon works with a Microsoft compatible mouse only. Also, you must have a mouse device driver installed in order to use the mouse. Typically, this driver is named MOUSE.COM and you need only type the word MOUSE to load it. Please refer to your mouse manual for more detailed instructions.
2. **Joystick/Keyboard** — Use the four arrow keys to move the cursor up, down, left and right. Press the CAPS LOCK key to cause the cursor to move at a faster pace. Press ENTER to select an item or to fill in an area. To select an item from the menu bar, or any dialog box, press the ALT key in conjunction with the highlighted letter of the command that you wish to select.
3. **Display Adaptors** — The Electric Crayon supports CGA (4 colors), EGA and Tandy (16 colors) and VGA/MCGA (256 colors).

Activating the Animated Pictures



Several of the pictures in some of the Electric Crayons version 3.1 are animated. The pictures containing animated sequences are identified with the icon of a "running man." If this icon is present in the CURRENT COLOR selection box, the picture features a short animated sequence. To activate the animation, position the cursor over the icon of the 'running man' and press the left mouse button or the ENTER key.



General Instructions

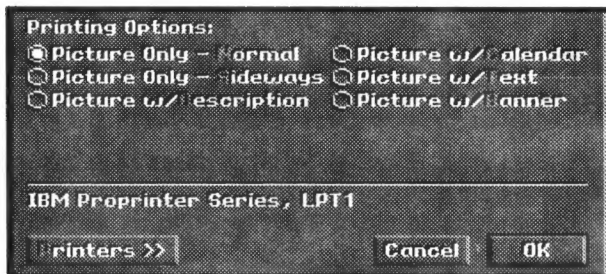
- ☛ To choose a color, point & click on the color you want in the color palette. To change colors, merely point & click on a new color.
- ☛ To fill an area in a picture, just point & click on that area!
- ☛ To mix your current color with the 15 other colors, just point & click on the [M]IX button. Point & click on the [M]IX button again to un-mix the colors.
- ☛ To erase all the colors from the picture, point & click on the [E]RASE button.
- ☛ To exit the Electric Crayon and return to the DOS prompt, point & click on the [Q]UIT button. If you turn off your computer without selecting this option, your colored pictures may not be saved.
- ☛ To undo the last fill, point & click on the [O]PS button. Clicking on this button repeatedly will cause you to undo each fill, in reverse order of their being filled.
- ☛ To display the description of the current picture on your screen, click on the TITLE box at the lower, left-hand corner of the screen.

Printing With The Electric Crayon Deluxe

Version 3.1 of the Electric Crayon supports printing on a wide variety of dot-matrix, ink jet and laser printers. This includes, but is not limited to, the HP LaserJet (Series I, II and III), HP DeskJet (Plus, 500 and 500C), HP PaintJet and compatibles. Dot-matrix printers supported include the Epson series (FX, LX and LQ), IBM ProPrinter, IBM Graphics printer and most compatibles.

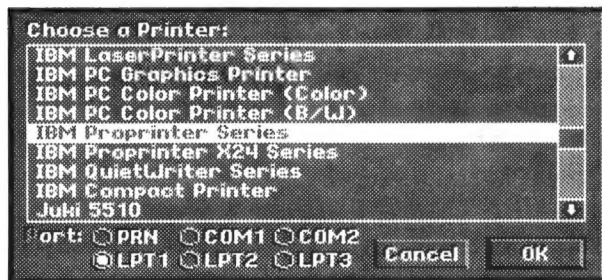
To set up the Electric Crayon for your printer, follow the following steps:

1. Select **[P]RINT** from the menu bar. (ALT-P from keyboard)
2. Select **[O]PTIONS** from the 'Is your printer on and ready?' dialog box that appears (ALT-O from keyboard.) You may now select your desired printing option from the 'Printing Options' dialog box. Please note, however, that the "Picture with Banner" printing option is not available if you have a Laser or Ink Jet printer.
3. Select **[P]RINTERS>>** from the 'Printing Options' dialog box to move to the 'Choose a Printer' dialog box (ALT-P from keyboard.)



PRINTING OPTIONS DIALOG BOX

4. Select your printer make and model from the list of printers that is displayed in the 'Choose a Printer' dialog box (Up-arrow & Down arrow from keyboard.) If you are unable to locate your printer model from the list, please refer to your printer manual for information on *Printer Emulation*. Also, if you have selected a color printer, make sure you have the appropriate ribbon/cartridge installed in your printer.



CHOOSE A PRINTER DIALOG BOX

5. Select the communications port that your printer is connected to (ALT-P from the keyboard.) For most IBM compatible printers, this will be **LPT1**. If you are not sure which port to use, please refer to your computer's manual.

6. After you have selected your printer make & model and your communications port, select **OK** to return to the 'Printing Options' dialog box. Then, if you haven't already, select your desired printing option and select **OK**. Finally, select **OK** from the 'Is your printer on and ready?' dialog box. The Electric Crayon will now print the picture.